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TO: Chief School Administrators
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FROM: Lucille E. Davy 
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SUBJECT: **URGENT - HURRICANE RECOVERY FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

On December 30, 2005, Congress passed the Hurricane Education Recovery Act (<http://www.ed.gov/policy/elsec/guid/secletter/051230Bill.pdf>) that acknowledges the devastating impact of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita on displaced students, their families and the public and nonpublic schools outside those impacted areas that have enrolled these students. This Act authorizes one-time only emergency funding through the United States Department of Education (USDOE) for the 2005-2006 school year earmarked for three purposes: (1) immediate aid to restart school operations; (2) assistance for homeless youth; and (3) temporary emergency impact aid for displaced students. The latter two funding programs designated in Sections 106 (Assistance for Homeless Youth) and 107 (Temporary Emergency Impact Aid for Displaced Students) of the Act pertain to New Jersey.

Pursuant to the legislation, local education agencies (LEAs) providing education services to students displaced by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, as defined by Section 107 (b)(1), must submit a completed application to the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) by **Thursday, January 26, 2006**. Within the LEA application for Temporary Emergency Impact Aid for Displaced Students program, LEAs are to include requested enrollment data regarding displaced students served by both the LEAs and nonpublic schools located in areas served by the LEAs, as stipulated in the legislation. The information provided in this application will serve as the basis to allocate funds under Temporary Emergency Impact Aid for Displaced Students program and to determine the relative need regarding funding for public school students under the Assistance for Homeless Youth program.

The NJDOE is required to consolidate the provided information and submit an application to the USDOE by **February 2, 2006**. Given the specified application deadlines, LEAs must submit accurate and timely information to the NJDOE.

The LEA application, Parent Application, the Nonpublic School Certification forms, directions for application and form completion and Frequently Asked Questions are located on the department's web site at <http://www.nj.gov/njded/grants/entitlement/>. Additional information will be posted as it becomes available.

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If you meet the eligibility criteria, please complete and fax the LEA application to the Office of Grants Management at (609) 777-1051, no later than **Thursday, January 26, 2006**. **Failure to meet this deadline will result in the district becoming ineligible for funding under the Hurricane Education Recovery Act. Districts must maintain parent applications on file.** If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Anne Corwell, director, Office of Grants Management at (609) 777-1468.

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